

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Title: | Optical Shared Protection Ring For Multiple Spans | | |

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action ("Office Action") dated December 21, 2005, please enter the following amendment: